SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The total number of officers and officials retired in the public interest and compulsorily retired after disciplinary proceeding since the declaration of emergency till 31st December 1975 is 535. A statement showing their names and other details is placed on the Table of the House*.

(*b*) Out of the total number mentioned in reply to clause (*a*), the number belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is 55.

(*c*) Out of the total number mentioned in reply to clause (*a*) the number of officers and officials compulsorily retired after disciplinary proceedings is 7.

(*d*) The retirement in the public interest is made in cases where an officer or official who has completed 50 years of age or 25 years of service has outlived his utility and his further continuance in service is not considered to be in the public interest. Compulsory retirement after disciplinary proceedings is effected on the basis of specific charges proved in an enquiry against a Government servant These charges differ from one case to another.

(*e*) and (*f*) The process of screening officers and officials who have completed 50 years of age or 25 years of service for assessing their suitability to continue in service is a continuous process to be undertaken every year.

Punishment to Corrupt and Inefficient Officers

218. SRI B. G. BANAKAR (Hirekerur).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the measures taken by the Government to punish the corrupt, inefficient and in competent officers in the State ;

(*b*) the total number of officers against whom action has been taken under rule 285 of Karnataka Civil Services Rules so far?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister) —

(*a*) The reply given to Question No. 117 answers this clause.

(*b*) The total number of officers retired under rule 285 of Karnataka Civil Services Rules till 31st December 1975 is 528.

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